

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Only Drivers Can Impede Labor Day Traffic Death

The scene won't quite be the same, but the end results could very well be . . .

Some students, faculty and staff members will pull away from the campus Friday afternoon with high sights of a merry Labor Day weekend in front of them. There won't be as big a traffic jam as at the beginning of the Christmas holidays, but one fellow highway-traveler will still be there—death.

The Texas Department of Public Safety has predicted that 30 persons will die on the state's highway during the holiday weekend stretching from 6 p. m. Friday to midnight next Monday. The only thing wrong with these death predictions is that they are usually painfully accurate.

But in the brighter side, a like total of 30 deaths was predicted for Labor Day a year ago—only 21 Texans died, however.

Why? More than an observer will give the credit to the state's "Drive Lighted and Live" campaign, instigated only a few years ago but already widely heralded.

It's really very simple—drivers are asked to burn their lights during daylight hours to remind themselves and their fellow motorists to exercise care on the crowded highways.

It seems everyone has a part—the actual motorist, the simple bystander and the professional man whose job it is to protect highway travelers.

Of course accidents will happen. But 30 accidents won't happen this weekend on Texas' highways. If that many people are killed, many will have died at the careless hand of a fellow-citizen.

The end result, therefore, rests with the individual driver.

36th Plans Anniversary This Weekend

Special to The Battalion

ABILENE — Maj. Gen. Everett S. Simpson, commander of the 36th Division of the Texas National Guard, has been announced as keynote speaker for the 1962 Reunion of the 36th Division at Abilene this weekend.

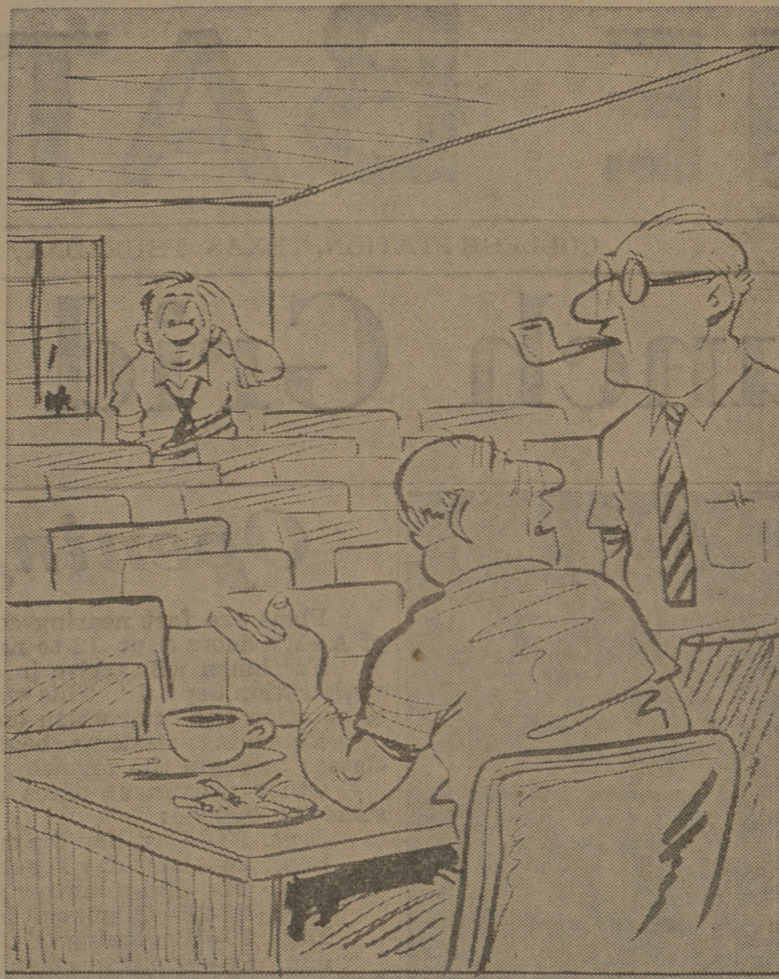
In addition to serving as a reunion for the 36th, Pete Evans, a member of the Lost Battalion, is attempting to contact all members of the Lost Battalion in order to urge their attendance at the reunion. Members of the Lost Battalion were captured in the Pacific during World War II and spent some 44 months as prisoners.

Registration for the reunion will begin at 3 p. m. Friday on the mezzanine of Hotel Windsor. Registration will reopen at 8 a. m. Saturday with a Board of Directors meeting and committee meetings scheduled at 9. The first general session will convene at 10 a. m.

Gen. Simpson has had a long and distinguished military career in the T-Patch Division. During World War II he stood out in combat, winning numerous decorations while serving with the 142nd Infantry.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



Texan Changes U. S. Aid Plans

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of the most basic changes in the foreign aid program in years has been brought about in large part through the efforts of Texas Congressman Jim Wright.

An amendment he offered when the bill came up to extend the life of the program was accepted by a decisive vote. Now that the bill is law, State Department officials have been seeking his advice on the best way to get the idea into operation.

The Wright plan calls for emphasis on making of loans rather than outright grants and seeing that the money goes as directly as possible to individuals for such things as buying homes or farms or small businesses. This contrasts with the heretofore normal pattern of allocating money to foreign governments with the hope that it will trickle down and create more jobs.

"Too much stress has been placed on big, grandiose projects too far removed from the plain citizens to have much real grass-roots impact," Wright said.

The aid now will be channeled so far as possible through cooperatives or savings and loan institutions, which will in turn let the money out on long-term, low interest rate basis to individuals.

Wright got the idea from a missionary in Peru, who told him of the lack of credit holds back development of the so-called little there more than anything.

In addressing the House in part of his amendment, Wright said lack of progress of some nations seemed to be tied to lack of opportunities of its citizens.

"For generations," he continued, "a person born of modest circumstances has been doomed to remain forever in the same circumstances."

A&M To Aid East Texans

A&M has been asked by the East Texas Chamber of Commerce to work out an agricultural program for the 72-county area, it was announced Wednesday by Chamber President Fred Pool.

The plan, to be formulated in conjunction with the chamber agricultural committee, will be put to use alongside Operation BIG. This maneuver is aimed at progress to improve industrial conditions in the area and has been called a success up to date.

San Antonio Makes Bid To Train Air Officers

By TEX EASLEY

Associated Press Special Service WASHINGTON (AP) — A runner-up in the hot competition won by Colorado Springs for the Air Force Academy, San Antonio bids fair now to win recognition as the home of a permanent school turning out half or more of the Air Force's new officers.

The Air Academy output is some 600 officers annually. The output at San Antonio under a program set into operation only a couple of years ago is more than 2,000 a year and is expected to reach 5,000 by 1965.

Relatively unknown to the public is this new Air Force Officer Training School which may regain for San Antonio prestige enjoyed before World War II when Randolph Field was called the West Point of the Air, and nearby Kelly and Brooks fields shared fame.

Lindbergh and Doolittle were but two of the famous fliers who trained in San Antonio.

Only college graduates are eligible for admission to the new Officers Training School. After 90-day courses they receive second lieutenant commissions as non-flying officers.

They must sign up for three years service.

Revival of San Antonio's lofty aeronautical status was told here by Maj. Gen. John H. Foster, a San Antonio insurance man when not on active duty in the Air Force. He is national president of the Reserve Officers Association.

With Maj. Starr Kealhofer, a reservist who is assistant manager of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, Foster came to Washington to back up a recommendation by the Air Force and President Kennedy's budget bureau that \$8,827,000 be appropriated for new buildings at the San Antonio school.

The House Appropriations Committee knocked the item out of military construction money bill. Foster and Kealhofer were here trying to get the money restored by the Senate.

"The training school at San Antonio will move right along notwithstanding this particular appropriation," Foster said.

"But we do hope the money will be appropriated, because the new buildings it is intended to provide should assure the permanency of the school."

If provided, the money would be used to build on "Medina Base," near Lackland AF Base, a military and professional training building at a cost of \$1,287,-

HS Teachers Are Offered NSF Course

A&M will offer a special course in earth science in September for high school science teachers within commuting distance of Victoria.

Beginning Sept. 10, and sponsored by the college under a special National Science Foundation Grant, the supplemental training course for junior and senior high school teachers will be held one-night a week during the 1962-63 school year at Victoria College.

Deadline for fall semester enrollment is Sept. 5, Coleman Loyd, NSF coordinator here said. Twenty-six secondary school teachers of science subjects will be selected for the course.

A NSF grant of \$9,530 will finance the special in-service course that will cover geology, meteorology and oceanography. Teachers will receive a mileage and book allowance. They earn three-semester hours of credit toward an M.S. degree in education with a science option.

Dr. M. C. Schroeder, associate professor of geology here will direct the course with assistance from Dr. H. R. Blank, professor of geology and geophysics. Dr. Dale Leipper and Dr. Vance E. Moyer of the Department of Oceanography and Meteorology will give class work in those subject areas.

000; a headquarters, \$490,000; quarters for 576 cadets, \$1,570,000; a mess hall, \$400,000; and a sewage treatment plant, \$80,000.

The current OTS class of approximately 500 is being trained partially at Lackland and partially at some of the existing buildings on Medina Base — an installation erected on a quadrangle layout a few years ago for highly hush hush joint Atomic Energy Commission-military operations.

Under the broad plans outlined by Foster, the AEC would be provided buildings at Lackland to compensate for some \$6 million worth of existing facilities at Medina diverted to OTS use.

Foster and Kealhofer were confident of enthusiastic support from San Antonio Rep. Henry Gonzales and Sen. Ralph Yarborough, D-Tex., who is a reserve colonel.

Not so sure about Sen. John Tower, R-Tex., they went to his office and emphasized a point they trusted would strike home — economy.

"This new program will save the taxpayers untold millions of dollars," said Kealhofer.

"All of these boys who enter at Medina will have gone through four or five years of college at their own expense and obtained their degrees.

"After just 90 days of concentrated tax-paid training, they are commissioned.

"It cost \$50,000 a year to put a boy through the Air Academy. They turn out 600 a year, we're to turn out 5,000, about half the Air Force officer intake requirement. That is a lot of saving."

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